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Inventor: Arno J. BLEEKER
Our Ref: 1857.2810000

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply to Restriction Requirement;
2. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
3. Form PTO/SB/08A;
4. Form PTO/SB/08B;
5. A copy of the cited document (NPL1); and
6. Return postcard.

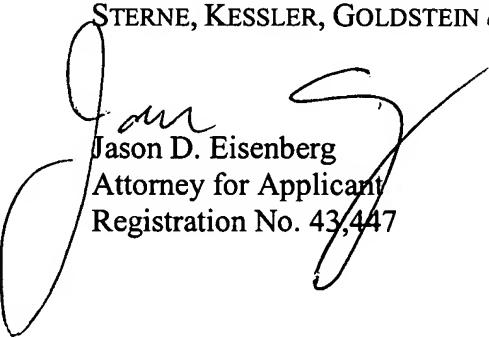
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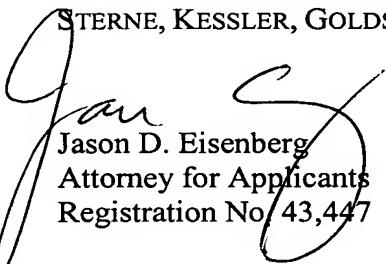
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **September 1, 2005**, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, represented by claims 1-11 and 14. This election is made **without** traverse. It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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